

**Approved Minutes of the Maricopa HOME Consortium
Public Hearing and Meeting
January 19, 2017
9:30 a.m.**

Home Consortium Members Present:

Matt Hess, City of Avondale (telephonically)
Renee Ayres-Benavidez, City of Glendale
Alicia Rubio, City of Surprise
Jason Hughes, City of Surprise
Elizabeth Garcia, City of Tempe
LeVon Lamy, City of Tempe
Daniella Pena, City of Tempe
Nicole LaPella, City of Tempe
Rachel Milne, Maricopa County
Carissa Cyr, Maricopa County
Regina Marette, Maricopa County
Lorita Arnold, Maricopa County

Members of the Public Present:

Allen Carlson, Newtown CDC
Steve Langstaff, ARM of Save the Family
Krista Shockley, ARM of Save the Family
Katie Martin, Foundation for Senior Living
Cristina Campoy, Guadalupe CDC
Gary Smith, Guadalupe CDC

Public Hearing

At 9:35 a.m., Rachel Milne opened the Public Hearing for the 2017-2018 Maricopa County Annual Plan Public Hearing held in the Roosevelt Room, at 234 North Central Ave., 3rd Floor, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

The 2017-18 Annual Action Plan covers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program(HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). Rachel explained that exact allocations were not available; however Maricopa County is drafting its plan based on level funding.

When asked if the public had any comments regarding the draft, Mr. Allen Carlson stated that he would like to continue to have the Annual Plan specifically state that the Community Land Trusts Resale provisions provide a reasonable return on investments, as was stated in the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan.

There being no other public comment, the Chair concluded the Public Hearing at 9:38.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call-

At 9:38 a.m., Rachel Milne called to order the January 19, 2017 HOME Consortium Public Meeting held in the Roosevelt Room, at 234 North Central Ave., 3rd Floor, Phoenix, Arizona 85004. Regina Marette called the roll and there was not a quorum. At 9:41 a quorum was established.

2. CHDO Presentations-

ARM of Save the Family (ARM)- Steve Langstaff explained his proposal and provided background information on ARM of Save the Family. ARM is requesting \$498,000 to acquire, rehabilitate and rent two homes located in a County island. There were no questions.

Guadalupe Community Development Corporation (GCDC)-Gary Smith presented GCDC's proposal and provided background on the Town of Guadalupe and GCDC. GCDC is requesting \$250,000 to acquire, rehabilitate and resale four single family homes to eligible homebuyers. There were no questions.

Newtown Community Development Corporation (CDC)—Allen Carlson explained his proposal on behalf of Newtown CDC. Newtown is requesting \$498,000 to acquire, rehabilitate and resale four single family homes to first time homebuyers. Jason Hughes asked how Newtown determines the sales price. Allen explained that Newtown backs into the price which is determined by 28% of the family's household income. Allen then explained that the families typically use IDA Federal HOME Loan Bank's Affordable Housing Program funds for down payment and closing cost assistance, which has a 5 year affordability period. Regina asked how long Newtown buyers typically stay in their home. Allen said it is similar to the national average of 6-7 years. Alicia Rubio inquired as to whether Newtown had rehabilitated any of their properties to be handicap accessible. Allen said that one of the first houses was retrofitted with a handicap accessible bathroom. He said he is sensitive to the issue and willing to make the homes handicap accessible, but has not seen a demand at this time. Katie Martin asked if there was an expiration date on Newtown's matching funds. Allen said that the IDA funds back to 2004 when they had almost \$5,000,000. They have donated match to both the County and to the City of Tempe. The funds do not expire and he estimated that they have \$2.5-3 million remaining.

3. Announcements and Information

- Rachel introduced and welcomed Lorita Arnold, the new Maricopa County Grants Accountant.
- Earl Cook, HUD CPD, will provide an overview of the new HOME commitment regulations that were effective January 3, 2017. Please provide Regina with questions or concerns prior to the meeting so that we can forward them to Mr. Cook.
- 2 CFR Part 200 -Renee Ayres-Benavides will be providing training at the February 16th meeting.
- Environmental Review Training to take place at HUD February 8-10.

4. Call to the Public-

No response from the public.

5. Adjournment-

There being no other business, the Chair entertained a motion for adjournment by Renee Ayres-Benavides and seconded by Jason Hughes. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.

The next scheduled public meeting will be February 16, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Regina Marette
Recording Secretary